evidence will be required in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner (see §203.385) unless the Commissioner agrees to accept title to a leasehold estate without title evidence.

[52 FR 48202, Dec. 21, 1987, and 53 FR 9869, Mar. 28, 1988]

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### § 203.440 Definitions.

All of the definitions contained in §203.50 of this subchapter shall apply to §§203.440 *et seq.* In addition the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

- (a) *Insured loan* means a loan which has been insured as evidenced by the issuance of an Insurance Certificate or by the endorsement of the note for insurance by the Commissioner.
- (b) Contract of insurance means the agreement evidenced by the issuance of an Insurance Certificate or by the endorsement of the Commissioner upon the note given in connection with an insured loan, incorporating by reference the regulations in §§ 203.440 et seq. and the applicable provisions of the Act.
- (c) Insurance premium means the loan insurance premium paid by the financial institution to the Commissioner in consideration of the contract of insurance.
- (d) Beginning of amortization means the date one month prior to the date of the first monthly payment to principal and interest.
- (e) Maturity means the date on which the loan indebtedness would be extinguished if paid in accordance with periodic payments provided for in the original note and security instrument.
- (f) *Debentures* means registered, transferable securities in book entry or certificated form which are valid and binding obligations, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

[36 FR 24508, Dec. 22, 1971, as amended at 59 FR 49816, Sept. 30, 1994]

### §203.441 Insurance of loan.

Under compliance with the commitment, or as provided in §203.255(b) with respect to mortgages processed under the Direct Endorsement program, the Commissioner shall insure the loan ev-

idencing the insurance by the issuance of an insurance certificate which will identify the regulations under which the loan is insured and the date of insurance.

[57 FR 58349, Dec. 9, 1992; 58 FR 13537, Mar. 12, 1993]

# §203.442 Contract created by Insurance Certificate or by endorsement.

The loan is insured from the date of the issuance of an Insurance Certificate or from the date of the endorsement of the note. The Commissioner and the lender shall thereafter be bound by the Act and the regulations in §§ 203.440 *et seq.* with the same force and to the same extent as if a separate contract had been executed relating to the insured loan.

#### §203.443 Insurance premium.

All of the provisions of §§203.260 through 203.269¹ concerning mortgage insurance premiums, apply to loans insured under §203.50.

[47 FR 30753, July 15, 1982]

## § 203.457 Voluntary termination of contract.

Upon request by the borrower and lender the Commissioner may terminate the insurance contract on the loan. The lender shall cancel the insurance endorsement on the insurance certificate or note upon receipt of notice from the Commissioner that the contract of insurance is terminated.

[37 FR 8662, Apr. 29, 1972]

# § 203.458 Termination by prepayment of loan.

The contract of insurance shall be terminated if the loan is paid in full prior to its maturity.

### § 203.459 Notice of termination by

No contract of insurance shall be terminated until the lender has given written notice thereof to the Commissioner within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of one of the approved

 $<sup>^1\</sup>mathrm{Section}$  203.269 was removed at 48 FR 35089, Aug. 3, 1983.